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SUBJECT: SUDANESE TO REPORT TO SAUDIS RESULTS TAIZ "SUMMIT"

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1. MARCH 17 AL-SAHFA REPORTS FONMIN MANSUR KHALID WILL
VISIT RIYADH FROM TAIZ IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SCHEDULED MARCH
22 NIMEIRI/SIAD/HAMDI/ALI "SUMMIT." EDITORIAL IN AL- AYYAM
HAILS NIMEIRI'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO UNIFY ARAB RPT ARAB
COUNTRIES IN INTERESTS REGIONAL SECURITY.

2. COMMENT: FOREGOING UNDERSCORES EXTENT TO WHICH SAG SEEMS
TO HAVE A HAND IN NIMEIRI'S CURRENT INITIATIVE, AS INCID-
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ATED JIDDA 2083 (NOTAL). THIS CONNECTION, PERIPATETIC MINSTATE
SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS IDRIS, WHO VISITED KING KHALID
AND PRINCE SULTAN IN LONDON THREE WEEKS AGO, TOLD US HE
PLANNED TO SEE HIM AGAIN ABOUT NOW. SAUDI AMBASSADOR HASHIM
PAID SEVERAL UNPUBLICIZED VISITS TO NIMEIRI IMMEDIATELY
PRIOR AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT CAIRO. DIFFICULT SAY WITH CERTAINTY
WHAT SUBJECTS COVERED IN SUCH CONTACTS BUT HASHIM TOLD AMB-

ASSADOR WITH RELISH, WHEN CURRENT NIMEIRI TRIP ANNOUNCED, THAT IT WAS HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND WOULD WITNESS SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. SEEMS CLEAR THAT NIMEIRI HOPES GRATIFY SAG (AND HIS OWN DESIRE PLAY MORE SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL ROLE) BY HELPING NOT ONLY WOO SOMALIA AWAY FROM RUSSIANS IN NAME ARAB SOLIDARITY BUT ALSO BE ASSISTING IN SIMILAR PROCESS RE PDRY, ON WHICH SAUDIS THEMSELVES HAVE QUIETLY BEEN WORKING. SHOULD IT PROVE POSSIBLE ESTABLISH SOME SORT UNDERSTANDING AMONG THESE FOUR ARAB LEAGUE STATES IN LOWER RED SEA REGION, THIS WOULD ALSO NO DOUBT BE SEEN AS HELPFUL IN LIGHT GROWING SOVIET TIES WITH MENGISTU'S ETHIOPIA AND OFT-BRUITED POSSIBILITY OF SOME ISRAELI PRESENCE IN BAB AL-MANDEB.

3. JIDDA 2059 (NOTAL) SUGGESTS SAG POLICY MOVING IN DIRECTION SUPPORT ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE AND REALIGNMENT SOMALIA. WHILE WE WOULD AGREE SUDANESE POSITION MORE FORTHRIGHT THAN SAG'S, THIS APPEARS FROM HERE MORE MATTER OF STYLE THAN SUBSTANCE. AS SOMEWHAT BLUNT EX-OFFICER, NIMEIRI CHARACTERISTICALLY TAKES DIRECT APPROACH WITHOUT REFERENCE NUANCES AND SUBTLETIES EMPLOYED BY MORE SOPHISTICATED POLITICIANS. WE AGREE WITH JIDDA RE DESIRABILITY EXPLORING HORN DEVELOPMENTS WITH FAHD AND NOTE THAT GOS FONMIN KHALID IS HIMSELF SCHEDULED VISIT WASHINGTON END MARCH. HE CAN BE EXPECTED CHARACTERIZE CURRENT SUDANESE INITIATIVES AS SUCCESS IN FRUSTRATING SOVIET DESIGNS IN HORN MERITING USG SUPPORT.
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